which in its turn leads to greater repairs becoming necessary. It is therefore prayed that Deputy Commissioners may be empowered to sanction amounts up to Rs. 500.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* reply to Subject No. 162.

SUBJECT No. 165.

Concession in the case of lands endowed by private persons to temples.

Mr. Chandrasekhariah, Nanjangud taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that an order be issued that if any man who is willing to make a gift of lands to any charitable institution, applies for lands, the same may be given at an upset price of Rs. 50 per acre in the case of wet lands. By these means *banjar* lands will be brought under cultivation.

The member cited the special case of Lakshmikanthaswami temple at Kalale, Nanjangud taluk, which being an ancient and important Muzrai institution deserves the concession prayed for.

Reply of Government.—Not possible always. Individual cases will be disposed of on their merits. (The grant of the concession to the Kalale temple will be considered.)

SUBJECT No. 166.

Mahomedan Muzrai Supervisor.

Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan, Central Mahomedan Association, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—Government may be pleased to appoint a special Mahomedan Supervisor under the Muzrai Superintendent for supervising the various Muslim Muzrai institutions.

The proposer added that as a number of endowments for Mussalman institutions are not being properly administered there is necessity for the appointment of a Mussalman Supervisor at least for some years to enquire into cases and suggest measures for the improvement of the institutions.

Reply of Government.—Noted. The question will be considered in connection with the re-organization of the Muzrai Department.

SUBJECT No. 167.

Scholarships to Mahomedan students for religious education.

Mr. Mahomed Abbas Khan, Central Mahomedan Association, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that scope may be given to Mahomedan students to proceed to Northern India and study higher branches of Persian and Arabic literature, religion and philosophy, and that on their return they might be appointed to important offices such as Nazim, Khazi, etc., of Mussalman institutions.

Reply of Government.—A few special scholarships will be given in deserving cases.

SUBJECT No. 168.

His Highness the Maharaja's *chattram* in the Benares City.

Messrs. V. Rangaswamiengar and B. Narasinga Rao, Seringapatam taluk, K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi taluk, Amble Anniah Pandit, Mysore City Municipal Council and C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The *chattram* in Benares is situated in an insignificant lane which renders it difficult for pilgrims to find out where it is. The building is not kept clean and the accommodation is not satisfactory. It is therefore suggested that as the institution at present serves no useful purpose, it may be shifted to a more prominent locality, and arrangements made for pilgrims being treated with courtesy.

Reply of Government.—Early steps will be taken to enquire into the matter and remedy the defects brought to notice.

SUBJECT No. 169.

Removal of lighting tax levied on temples, *chattrams* and mosques.

Mr. T. M. Siddappa, Mysore taluk.

Summary of discussion.—According to the Municipal Regulation, the water tax is remitted in the case of temples, chattrams and mosques. Electric light tax may also be excused.

Reply of Government.—Not possible.

MISCELLANEOUS.

(*Nos. 170 to 188*).

SUBJECT No. 170.

The Mysore Civil Service.

Mr. P. Venkappaiya, Shimoga municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The successful candidates of the Mysore Civil Service Examination are appointed as Assistant Commissioners to start with, without regard to their experience in public service, capacity and aptitude for work. There are several graduate and double graduate Amildars who are quite as competent to be Assistant Commissioners as any civilian. Most of them are kept in the back ground. The case of these officers is really pitiable. It is therefore prayed that the present rules may be modified so as to give competent and efficient Amildars a greater chance of being appointed Assistant Commissioners.

Reply of Government.—This is being done as far as possible.

SUBJECT No. 171.

Privileges to the Representative Assembly.

(*a*) & (*b*) Mr. S. Venkatesiah, Hassan District Agricultural and Industrial Association.

(*c*) Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The right of interpellation may be kindly re-affirmed.

(*b*) The Deputy Commissioners may be asked to hold quarterly meetings of the Representative Assembly members of their district for discussion of local subjects. Adequate reports of the proceedings of such meetings should be submitted to Government and published with their orders.

(*c*) The privilege of budget discussion should be given to the members of this Assembly.

(*a*) *Mr. Venkatesiah.*—The subject was raised as some doubt was caused owing to an objection to a representation of last year which was interrogative in form.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao.—The Representative Assembly has already a right of interpellation and the existing practice in this respect needs no alteration.

(*b*) *Mr. Venkatesiah.*—If local subjects could be discussed in districts thoroughly, there would be no need for so many local subjects.